REMARKS

The objection to Claim 6 is most but the objection to Claim 12 has been

addressed. Likewise the rejection of Claims 9 and 11 under 35 USC §112, ¶2 is

moot, and the rejection thereunder of Claim 2 has been addressed including the

inclusion of allowable Claim 5, now cancelled.

The three rejections under 35 USC §102(b) are deemed moot, requiring no

further discussion. Similarly, already allowed Claims 15-20 require no further

discussion.

In view of the foregoing amendments, only allowable claims are present in

the application. Early and favorable action is therefore earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in

general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this

should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as

a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit

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